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Subject: **Trenton**
Federal Project No's: STP-A569(000)X
& STP-1735(700)X
State WIN: 015690.00 & 017357.00
Amendment No. 3

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: The utilities need 135 working days to get their work done. The majority of the poles need to be moved prior to the construction. Assuming the utility work will not be completed prior to the contractor being on site(all clearing and tree removal by MDOT contractor must be done prior to Utilities work), how will the utilities get this done and allow the contractor to meet paving and schedule dates while not impacting traffic or the contractor?

Response: It is anticipated the utility work will begin prior to contract mobilization. The Utilities will conduct all work outside of the roadway during daylight hours.

Question: If two-way traffic can be continuously maintained on Route 3, will work be allowed in the day time before Oct. 5th, referring to Special Provision 105 Number 1?

Response: No work will be allowed on Route 3 between 7AM and 8PM before October 5th.

Question: Does the work on Route 230 have to be done in the day time between 7AM and 7PM as stated in Special Provision 105 page 51, or can this work be performed at night?

Response: All work on Route 230 must be accomplished between 7AM and 7PM.

Question: Where is Box Culvert #1 and Box Culvert #2 Located? Which Box Culvert is on Route 230 and which one is on Route 3?



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Response: Box Culvert #1 is located on Route 3 and Box Culvert #2 is located on Route 230.

Question: Special Provision 635 Precast Concrete Block Gravity Wall states under 635.04 the design calculations need to be submitted 45 days prior to construction. With the added time for the Geotechnical Engineer Review, the time needed to cast the wall sections, and the time to install, this will put the contractor near or past the in-stream date. Has this been taken into account in the project time restrictions?

Response: The Department is aware of the time restraints on this instream work and will make every effort to review the submittals as quickly as possible. However, depending on the date of submittal and the Department's obligations, no guarantee can be made that the review occurs more quickly.


Question: Please provide geotechnical information as stated on Sheet 9 in the Plans, note 38. The Link does not direct you to the information.

Response: The Geotechnical information has been posted to the website.

Question: Given the volume of traffic and limited access to Trenton and Mt. Desert Island, could the MDOT add a bid item to pay for message boards to alert traffic to construction and changing times and conditions?

Response: A message board item was added to the contract under bid amendment #2. Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on June 27, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. M. A. Macdougall", is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the signature, the word "for" is written vertically in blue ink.

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